

Moving to Luxembourg: Your Relocation Guide



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Customs

Luxembourg is part of the EU and as such, no official documents are required to import personal effects and household goods duty free if originating from another EU country.

Removal Goods. If originating outside the EU the following applies.

Household goods

Documents required:

- Customs declaration (signed by the importer)
- Original of the Inventory with original signature of the shipper for imports

For foreigners:

A certificate issued by the local authorities of the new domicile in, showing the nationality, their previous domicile abroad where they have lived for at least one year and the date of registration of the domicile in Luxembourg.

For natives of Luxembourg if not previously residing in Luxembourg.

A certificate issued by the local authorities of the new domicile in Luxembourg showing the nationality, the previous domicile abroad where they have lived for at least one year, the date of registration of the domicile in Luxembourg and stating that the applicant has not resided previously in Luxembourg.

For natives of Luxembourg or foreigners who have been living abroad for at least two years with declaration of change of domicile.

A certificate issued by the local authorities of the new domicile in Luxemburg showing the nationality, the previous domicile abroad, the date of the previous de-registration of domicile on leaving Luxemburg and the date of re-registration of domicile in Luxemburg or two certificates:

One issued by the local authorities of the place which they left to go abroad, bearing the date of emigration and the commute abroad to which they moved.

One issued by the local authorities of the new domicile in Luxemburg, bearing the date of registration of domicile and the nationality.

For natives of Luxemburg or foreigners who registered a change of domicile less than two years ago, or did not register any change of domicile:

Proof must be provided that:

Your stay is not the consequence of a temporary situation (travel, mission, studies) of limited duration

You had in fact no residence in Luxemburg throughout the whole duration of your stay abroad.

Diplomats Removals

Documents required:

- Declaration 136F
- Attestation from employer, or “fiche de renseignements” of employer
- Inventory

Duty free entry.

The diplomat has to provide the form 136F to import any amount of alcohol free of duties/taxes, no restrictions.

Wedding Trousseaux

The importer asking for duty free entry of wedding trousseaux must supply further to the application (form 136) Documents required:

- Inventory (five copies) certificate from the local authorities abroad, giving evidence that the applicant has resided together with their parents before marriage (Residence is compulsory for one person of the couple)
- Certificate document showing place and date of the marriage
- Document showing that at the time of marriage one spouse was residing in the country and the other abroad

Duty free entry provided:

- The goods are in keeping with the social position of the married couple
- The articles are to be used by the married couple at least for six months after the import
- The goods will be imported within four months after the marriage at the latest (the Customs Directorate can deliver a prolongation)
- The country of origin is granting the same reciprocal treatment

The following articles are excluded from duty free importation: consumer goods, foodstuffs, materials for business or undertakings, cattle, material for professional purpose, vehicles which are not for the private use of the married couple, tobacco and alcohol.

Inheritance

The importer asking for duty free entry of inheritance goods must supply further to the application (form 136):

- Inventory (five copies) certificate of the Police authorities or presentation of identity document showing that at the time of the death of the testator, the heir was already residing in the Belgium-Luxembourg-economic area, a document or statutory declaration for ex. (from a notary) stating that the importer is the heir (this document must have been issued within two years)

- Presentation of a certificate from a notary, officially authenticated copy of, or officially authenticated extract from, a declaration of bequest (declaration de succession), a deed of apportionment (acte de partage) or a deed of inventory (acte d'inventaire)

Duty free entry if the importation occurs within the period of six months from the date on which the heir acquired the right to dispose of the inherited articles (this period can be extended by the Customs Directorate responsible for the place of residence of the heir).

The following articles are excluded from exemption of customs duties: Consumer goods, equipment for business and undertakings, cattle, agricultural material, material originating from a craft or a commercial undertaking, raw materials finished and semi-finished articles, vehicles for commercial purpose, tobacco and alcohol.

New Furniture / New Goods and Household Items

Documents required:

- T-form for transit within the community
- Invoice
- Consumption declaration COM4

Subject to payment of duties and taxes.

If new or new looking goods are found, Customs will request original invoices for the item and hold it back until purchase proof is presented or will charge import tax and VAT. (together about 26% of value fixed by customs).

To avoid extra problems and cost please ask the owner not to include new goods into household goods shipment without separate declaration and original invoices.

Works of Art

Documents required:

- T-form for transit within the community
- Invoice

Duty free by virtue of the customs tariff.

Antiques

Documents required:

- Invoice
- Certificate of age, stating that the articles are more than 100 years old
- Export authorisation from the country of origin

Duty free by virtue of the customs tariff.

Household utensils and electrical appliances

Documents required:

- Invoice
- T-form for transit within the community

- Consumption declaration COM4

Subject to duties.

Must be EEC certified. Non EEC standard electric appliances are not allowed being imported.

- All the shipments are controlled
- All the appliances are taken out

If they are not CE certified, all the appliances must be shipped back or destroyed at the customer's own expenses.

This results in delays, demurrage, and extra charges for unloading-reloading the containers that may be charged back to you or the customer.

We therefore strongly advise to inform your customers about this and to avoid shipping non EEC certified items.

In any case ALL the electrical/electronic appliances MUST be loaded at the doors of the container.

Presents and souvenirs

Subject to duties or duty free, according to the value and nature of the goods.

Exemption from customs duties for:

- Objects originating from an EEC country and with value not exceeding 421.40 Euros
- Objects originating from a non-EEC country and with value not exceeding 49.57 Euros

Precious metal articles

Documents required:

- Invoice
- T-form for transit within the community
- Consumption declaration COM4

Import of ivory is prohibited.

Carpets

Documents required:

- Invoice
- T-form for transit within the community
- Consumption declaration COM4

Motor Cars

Documents required:

- Original document of title or registration document, showing all identification numbers for the car
- Insurance policy or vehicle tax receipt (as proof of the use abroad)
- Certificate of residence (if possible)
- Registration permit obtained from "Enregistrement et Domaine"

- Invoice or another document concerning the acquisition of the vehicle (as evidence of the ownership abroad)
- Consumption declaration COM4 (mentioning the presented documents, like certificate of change of residence, proof of ownership, evidence of the use abroad)

Duty free provided:

- The car has been used and owned abroad by the importer, for at least 6 months before the removal
- The car will not be sold or transferred before six months after the removal

There is no exemption of duties for vehicles which have been exclusively acquired and used in a third country (other than the one from where the importer is coming).

Exemption of duties is granted for motorcars as well as business and undertaking's equipment by the concerned Customs officials of the new domicile or the new place of business or undertaking.

For cars coming from outside the EEC a bond must be deposited. Subject to all documents being available, no bond will be payable. However if documents are missing a bond will be required for 10% of the value (bond = 15% taxes and 10% duties). This bond is reimbursed once the shipper has paid their "vignette" on the car and shows this payment to the customs.

Machines, appliances and equipment

Documents required:

- Invoice
- T-form for transit within the community
- Consumption declaration COM4

Subject to duties.

Wine, Spirits and Tobacco

Documents required:

- Invoice
- T-form for transit within the community
- Consumption declaration COM4

Taxes – duties are applicable on alcohol:

Alcohol / wine of less than 13% alcohol:

- Taxes = 12% of the declared value written on the lists of the wine stating the type of wine – origin – degree alcohol – capacity and price
- Duties = 0.15 Euros (15 euro cents) per bottle

Alcohol of more than 13% alcohol:

- Taxes = 15% of declared value
- Duties = 0.20 Euros (20 euro cents) per bottle

Form for wine: VA1, VA2, VA3, or VA4

Shipper must be owner of the wine more than 6 months.

Tins

Documents required:

- Invoice
- T-form for transit within the community
- Consumption declaration COM4

Eventual licence from the Health Ministry.

Food

Duty free entry in general does not apply to foodstuffs, beverages, goods for commerce and new articles. This, however does not mean that small quantities of food representing the normal stock of a household cannot be imported.

Ammunition, dangerous objects

Authorisation from the Ministry of Justice.

Sports articles

Documents required:

- Invoice
- T-form for transit within the community
- Consumption declaration COM4

Medicine, narcotics and drugs

Documents required:

- Invoice
- T-form for transit within the community
- Consumption declaration COM4

Importation from chemist's shop to chemist's shop is authorised, provided proof of use is furnished (prescription) Importation forbidden. Exception possible with a special authorisation from the concerned Ministry.

Plants

Document required:

- Invoice
- T-form for transit within the community
- Consumption declaration COM4
- Phytosanitary certificate

Dogs and Cats

Documents required:

- Certificate of vaccination against rabies (vaccination at least 30 days and no more than one year before the importation)

Other animals

Document required:

- Veterinary certificate

Duty free for farmers' and breeders' cattle. Subject to duties for cattle in possession of cattle merchants.

Generalities

If the exemption of duties can only be granted by the Customs Directorate, a provisional exemption of duties will be granted by the Office Director of the Customs of the place of entry, pending the presentation of documents and the authorisation, against deposit of:

- The import charges (10% of the value)
- The value added tax
- An additional sum of 124 Euro to secure a correct settlement of the customs documents as well as against the issue of declaration 133 (one year validity)

The above statement cannot be completed. It is only to used as basis.

General Information on The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg Background

Founded in 963, Luxembourg became a grand duchy in 1815 and an independent state under the Netherlands. It lost more than half of its territory to Belgium in 1839, but gained a larger measure of autonomy. Full independence was attained in 1867. Overrun by Germany in both World Wars, it ended its neutrality in 1948 when it entered into the Benelux Customs Union and when it joined NATO the following year. In 1957, Luxembourg became one of the six founding countries of the European Economic Community (later the European Union), and in 1999 it joined the Euro currency area.

Geography

Luxembourg is the only country in the world to be land locked. The only Grand Duchy in the world also. The capital is Luxembourg City.

Climate

Modified continental with mild winters and cool summers.

Population

It is estimated at 468,571.

Environmental Issues

There is air and water pollution in urban areas, and soil pollution on farmland.

Currency

The monetary unit is the Euro.

Notes: 500, 200, 100, 50, 20, 10 & 5 euros.

Coins: 2, 1 euros then 50, 20, 10, 5, 2 & 1 cents.

Economy

This small, stable, high-income economy has historically featured solid growth, low inflation, and low unemployment. The industrial sector, initially dominated by steel, has become increasingly diversified to include chemicals, machinery and equipment, rubber, automotive components, and other products. The financial sector, which accounts for about 36% of GDP, is the leading sector in the economy. The economy depends on foreign and cross-border workers for about 39% of its labour force.

Luxembourg experienced uneven economic growth in the aftermath of the global economic crisis that began in late 2008. Luxembourg's GDP contracted 3.6% in 2009, rebounded in 2010-12, fell again in 2013-14, but recovered in 2015. Unemployment has remained below the EU average despite having increased from a historically low rate of 4% in the 2000s to 7.1% in 2014.

The country continues to enjoy an extraordinarily high standard of living – GDP per capita ranks among the highest in the world and is the highest in the euro zone. Luxembourg has one of the highest current account surpluses as a share of GDP in the euro zone, and it maintains a healthy budgetary position and the lowest public debt level in the region.

Luxembourg has lost some of its advantage as a favorable tax location because of OECD and EU pressure. In 2015, the government's compliance with EU requirements to implement automatic exchange of tax information on savings accounts – thus ending banking secrecy – has depressed banking activity and dampened GDP growth. Likewise, changes to the way EU members collect taxes from e-commerce has cut Luxembourg's tax revenues, requiring the government to raise additional levies and to reduce some direct social benefits.

Education

There are 3 schools that offer schooling in English:

St George's International School Luxembourg

Rue Des Marguerites

L-2127 Weimershof

Tel: 42 32 24

Fax: 42 32 34

Email st.georges@online.lu

St Georges welcomes pupils of all nationalities and offers a British style education for children aged two and a half to eleven. Small classes with beneficial teacher-pupil ratios make for a friendly and caring environment.

Ecole Europeenne

23 Boulevard Konrad Adenauer

Tel: 43 20 82-1

Fax: 43 67 38

Please note that the original purpose of the "European School" was to provide schooling for the kids of people employed by the European Community. Therefore, they



will only accept students if they have room after they have allocated the children of European Community employees.

The International School of Luxembourg

36 Boulevard Pierre Dupont
L-1430 Luxembourg
Tel: 26 04 40

For further information on schooling:

Ministere de l'Education Nationale
29 Rue Aldringen
L-2926 Luxembourg
Tel: 4798-1

Service d'Orientation Scolaire
280 Route de Longwy
L-1940 Luxembourg

Religion

87% Roman Catholic, 13% Protestants, Jews and Muslims.

Health

Rabies may be present in wildlife. For those at high risk, vaccination before arrival should be considered. If you are bitten, seek medical advice without delay. For more information, consult the Health appendix.

Tap water is considered safe to drink. Milk is pasteurised and dairy products are safe for consumption. Local meat, poultry, seafood, fruit and vegetables are generally considered safe to eat.

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